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SUBJECT: ADAPTATION OF POLISH FIAT 125 TO US SPECIFICATIONS:
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM POLISH AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY.

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1. TDC HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM POL-MOT, FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISE OF THE POLISH MOTOR INDUSTRY, FOR NAMES, ADDRESSES OF US FIRMS SPECIALIZING IN ADAPTATION OF FOREIGN CARS TO US SAFETY AND EMISSION CONTROL STANDARDS.

2. POLISH FIAT 125 (DESIGNATED "125"P) WILL BE DISPLAYED AT NEW YORK AUTOMOBILE SHOW, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL TAKE PLACE IN APRIL, AND POL-MOT REPRESENTATIVE KOMOROWSKI HOPES PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK APRIL 1 TO CONTACT US FIRMS CAPABLE OF MODIFYING THIS VEHICLE FOR US MARKET. VEHICLE EXHIBITED AT SHOW COULD REMAIN IN US FOR MODIFICATION AND TESTS.

3. TDC REQUESTS COMMERCE SUPPLY NAMES, ADDRESSES OF FIRMS WHICH PERFORM THE MODIFICATIONS MENTIONED IN PARA 1. UNDERSTAND ONE SUCH FIRM SPECIALIZING IN THIS WORK IS LOCATED IN VIRGINIA. POL-MOT LETTER TO TDC STATES ORGANIZATION IS IN PROCESS OF DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO INTRODUCE FIAT 125P TO US MARKET.

4. (FYI. IN RECENT WEEKS, SEVERAL U.S. INDIVIDUALS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATIONS HAVE INDICATED TO EMBASSY THEIR INTEREST

IN IMPORTING POLISH FIATS. IN ONE INSTANCE, PROPOSAL
MADE TO POLES WOULD INVOLVE ASSEMBLY IN CANADA. POL-MOT
REPORTEDLY IS INTERESTED IN CONSIDERING THESE POSSIBILITIES
BECAUSE WORLD ENERGY CRISIS HAS CAUSED POLISH FIAT
SALES IN WESTERN EUROPE TO DROP SHARPLY WHILE CONCURRENTLY,
SOME POLES BELIEVE, IMPROVING CHANCES FOR SALES OF THIS
"ECONOMY" CAR IN THE U.S. END FYI).
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